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Nevis, Jan. 14. N. S.

REar-Admiral *Bembow*, with His Majeſty's Ships under his Command, (which ſailed from St. *Hellens* the 29th of *November* laſt) arrived the 16th of *December* at *Madera*, and the 7th Inſtant at *Barbadoes*, where being ſupplied with Water, they ſailed again the 9th, and arrived here the 12th, having on board Colonel *Collingwood*'s Regiment, who have Quarters provided for them in this Iſland, St. *Chriſtopher*'s, *Antegoa*, and *Montſerrat*. The Seamen and Soldiers are all in good health; as are likewiſe theſe Iſlands. Part of St. *Chriſtopher*'s taken from the *French* during the War, was reſtored to them yeſterday in purſuance of the late Treaty of Peace.

Rome, Feb. 28. On the 24th Inſtant *Te Deum* was ſung by Cardinal *Cibo* in the Church of *Sta. Maria dell' Anima*, for the Marriage of the King of the *Romans*; And the Count *de Martinitz*, the Emperor's Ambaſſador on this occaſion gave a ſplendid Entertainment to divers Cardinals, and other Perſons of Quality. The 25th, the Cardinal *de Bouillon* received an Expreſs from *Paris*, with an Account of the Death of the Electoral Prince of *Bavaria*, upon which he had the ſame day a long Audience of the Pope. The Congregation of the Inquiſition have had another Meeting concerning the Arch-Biſhop of *Cambray*'s Book, where the Pope himſelf was preſent; What was then reſolv'd is kept private, and in the mean time the publiſhing of the Bull againſt the Opinions contain'd in the ſaid Book is delayed. The Pope has at length conſented to the Poſtulation made by the Chapter of *Ratisbonne*, to have the Elector of *Cologne* for their Biſhop. The Cardinals *Imperiali* and *Ceſareo* are gone to *Nettuno* for the recovery of their Health. It's ſaid, Cardinal *Panciatici*, at preſent Datary to the Pope, will have the Preſidentſhip of the Courts of Juſtice, which Place is vacant by the Death of Cardinal *Cavalerini*, and that Cardinal *Paulucci* will be made Datary in his room. Letters from *Bolonia* of the 24th of the laſt Month give an Account, that the Queen-Dowager of *Poland* was come thither from *Ferrara*, and had been received by the Cardinal Legate and the Arch-Biſhop of *Bolonia* with great Reſpect; They ſent her a very noble Preſent of Refreſhments, *&c.* and had entertained her with a Ball, and other Diverſions. She intended in a few days to continue her Journey hither by the way of *Florence*, and Abbot *Scarlaty* was gone before, to acquaint the Duke of *Tuſcany* with this her Intention. She is expected here about a fortnight hence.

Venice, March 6. Our Doge has for ſome time been very much indiſpoſed, but is now on the mending hand. Count *Nigrelli*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Modena*, had his Audience of Leave of the Senate this week, and will go from hence in few days. On *Saturday* laſt Signior *Venier*, one of the late Ambaſſadors from this Republick to His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, in conſideration of his good Services, was choſen Procurator of St. *Mark*, in the room of Signior *Antonio Grimani* deceaſed; Whereupon his Relations received the uſual Compliments, and for three days together made great Entertainments with Balls, Muſick, and other Diverſions. The ſame Dignity has been conferred on Signior *Giovanni Baptiſta Albrizzi*, who gives 100000 Ducats for the ſame; And Signior *Manfrotti* has lately been admitted into the Body of the Nobility, paying a like Sum.

Dantzick, March 5. Our Magiſtrates have reſolved to give the King of *Poland* a Sum of 400000 Florins, towards the Subſiſtence of his Forces that are quartered in theſe Parts, on condition they be exempted from giving them Quarters within this City; towards raiſing of which, a Tax is laid on the Inhabitants; And it being expected, that this Tax will produce more than the ſaid Sum of 400000 Florins, 'tis reſolved that the Overplus ſhall be applied towards the buying up Ammunition, and making other Preparations for our Defence and Security, in caſe a War ſhould break out between *Poland* and *Brandenburgh* on account of the Buſineſs of *Elbing*, which however we hope will be prevented by the good Offices of the Emperor, and the other Princes, who have offered their Mediation for this purpoſe. Our laſt Letters from *Warſaw* give an Account, that the Senate being lately extraordinarily aſſembled there about the Affair of *Elbing*, ſome Senators were of Opinion, that no Treaty ſhould be entred upon, till the Elector had firſt reſtored all Things to their former Condition, or at leaſt put the City of *Elbing* into the hands of the Mediators; but the greater Number were of opinion to accept the Mediation of the Emperor, and the other Princes and States, upon the foot on which they have offered the ſame, and to begin the Treaty at *Breſlaw* in this Month as was propoſed; and upon the whole, the Senate agreed to appoint a ſelect Committee to draw up the Inſtructions for the Biſhop of *Ploske* and the Weywode of *Marienbourg*, whom the King has made choice of to be his Plenipotentiaries for that Treaty. Theſe Letters add, that in this Meeting of the Senate it had been reſolved, that a General Diet ſhall be held on the 29th of *May*, and that the King had given Orders for diſpatching of the Circular Letters, which, according to Cuſtom, muſt be ſent ſix Weeks before to the ſeveral Provinces, in order to the meeting of the Little Diets, where they chuſe and give Inſtructions to the Deputies they ſend to the General Diet. We have received an Account from *Lemberg*, that the Cham of *Tartary* is dead, and that Sultan *Giray* is choſen to ſucceed him, who immediately after his Election made an Inroad into the Territories of *Poland*, and carried off a conſiderable Booty.

Paris, March 25. *N.S.* The Court returned laſt *Saturday* from *Marly* to *Verſailles*. The ſame day the Prince of *Conde* made his Viſit of Ceremony to the Earl of *Jerſey*, Ambaſſador Extraordinary from His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, which his Highneſs had been obliged to defer till now, by reaſon of his having